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Subject: RE: draft EHC SOT Poster.ppt

Jan,

Thank you for sharing the poster with me. I have a couple of comments which I hope you will find helpful.

Abstract: Not being terribly experienced on presenting posters myself, I am not sure how much liberty you feel you have to alter the abstract. Presumably this has already been submitted and therefore you may feel reluctant to change it too much now. However, if possible, I would recommend trying to restructure it somewhat. For example, if possible, I would separate out the various sections a little (perhaps just by underlining the titles such as Study design: etc..). In fact since all the design details are in the poster later on, it would probably be desireable to reduce the description in the abstract considerably. Again, I do not know how acceptable this would be.

If the abstract is to remain largely as it is, I would also recommend changing one or two parts for clarification. e.g."After consenting, smokers of CC1 were screened against *set inclusion and exlusion criteria*." "Eligible subjects were confined for 10 days *during which smoking was controlled*."

Finally on the abstract, there are some inconsistencies in the abbreviations used. In the abstract you refer to the EHC, whereas in the remainder of the poster it is referred to as EHCSS. Similarly you use CO-Hb and carboxy-hemoglobin in the abstract, but generally the unhyphenated carboxyhemoglobin in the remainder of the poster.

Introduction: As mentioned above, you change the abbreviation for the electrically heated cigarette in this slide. In addition I note that you are missing the word "cigarette" in the text, the abbreviation therefore does not reflect the actual wording used in this, (electrically heated smoking system should be changed to *electrically heated cigarette smoking system).*

Study Subjects: Why the emphasis on "healthy"? Personally I would discourage such emphasis unless you feel you have clearly defined what you mean by "healthy" and why it is significant.

Was there any criteria for smoking duration amongst the subjects?

I would specify "Aged between 21 and 65 years" in the third bullet (to clarify that this does not refer to smoking history!)

Demographics: Since this is a poster, and already fairly large, does this data really add anything valuable?

Study Design: There are 110 subjects, 5 groups at 20 each? My maths does not compute ... could you clarify?

#6 Investigational Products... I don't understand the title. What are "Investigational" products?

Since you spell out "Conventional Cigarette" you probably should do likewise for the Electrically heated Cigarette in the table. Also note, as mentioned before, you should decide on a consistent acronym - either EHC or EHCSS.

#7 Study Schedule: In the second bullet of Day -2, were the smokers allowed to smoke less than their reported history? (i.e. should this read plus or minus 20%?) - If not, why not?

#8 Study Schedule: Acronym consistency again... EHC or EHCSS?

#9 Electrically ...: Acronym consistency ....

#10 Investigations: Should this be EKG or ECG - or is there any difference?
Consistency of terminology with respect to CO-hemoglobin. Personally I would use either full abbreviation (CO-Hb) or full words - I don't particularly like the in between bit - but that is just me! It should, however, be more consistent through the poster.

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When you say "descriptive statistics" does this include means and SD's - in which case you should have error bars on all the following graphs.

#11 Carboxyhemoglobin: Note consistency in hyphenation throughout the poster.

#12 Mean Carboxyhemoglobin - #19 Carboxyhemoglobin change from baseline: Hyphenation again! and consistency in EHC / EHCSS terminology. Can you also show the error bars on all the graphs? And one final thing, the acronym CPD should be explained somewhere, not everyone reading the poster may be aware that it refers to cigarettes per day. (Actually it may be worth putting a box with all the acronyms described in the poster at the end).

Once again, thank you for sharing this with me. I hope that you find the above useful and wish you good luck!

Ruth.

----Original Message----

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<< File: EHC SOT Poster.ppt >> Dear All,

Please review the attached draft poster: "Dose-response investigations of carboxy-hemoglobin of adult smokers smoking conventional and electrically heated cigarettes" by HJ Roethig, J Oey, BL Nelson, and RA Walk.

We are targeting to send the final draft poster for MRB review on Friday March 8. So, please send your comments by Thursday March 7 for the final revision.

Best regards,
Jan

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